

**Date:** August 29, 2007

**Project Name:** Comprehensive Electronic Grant Management System (eGMS)

**Is this project in support of a program designated as an Iowa Great Place, pursuant to section 303.3c?:** No

**Requesting Agency:** Iowa Department of Management

**Project Point(s)-of-Contact:** *(include name and phone number)*

Kathy Mabie, 281-8834

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**Project Sponsor:** *(include name and phone number)*

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**Goal:**

eGMS is an enterprise attempt to simplify the grant identification and application process for state customers and provide a unified grant management approach within state government.

The timeline indicates that all grant-giving state agencies will be using eGMS by FY 2011; however this proposal does not require them to do so.

**Project Purpose:**

To plan and implement a system that will provide a storefront to assist public and private entities seeking funding through state administered programs and also be capable of managing the grant solicitation, application, selection, award/contracting, monitoring, communications, modification, reporting, close-out, and financial management processes.

**Background:**

In June of 2007, the Iowa Department of Management issued a Request for Information (RFI) for a comprehensive electronic grant management system. Five vendors responded to the RFI. Vendor demonstrations were held in July 2007 with 19 state agencies participating

Currently, Iowa's grant-giving state agencies use varying methods for awarding and managing grants, most involving massive paper shuffling and redundancy. A few agencies have purchased grant management software for specific grant programs or divisions but there is no uniformity across state government. A comprehensive eGMS and storefront of available grants would result in significant benefit to state agencies and their grantees.

**Expected Results in this Project:**

Implementation of eGMS will significantly reduce the amount of time agencies spend on the process of awarding and managing grants, resulting in an increased focus on monitoring the status of funded projects and providing technical assistance to grantees.

Another outcome will be increased grant seeking activity. Generally, state agency staff who are responsible for managing grants are the same people responsible for identifying and applying for funding from outside sources. Less time spent on the grant giving tasks could translate into more effort put into grant seeking.

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**Request:** *(include dollar amount and description of what will be purchased - i.e. services, hardware, software)*

\$20,000 for Scope Planning of the eGMS project

**Resources Being Contributed:** *(people or funds being contributed to the project by the sponsoring agency- include role/% of time or amount in dollars)*

A team will be available to work with ITE throughout the scope analysis. The team consists of:

Kathy Mabie, Department of Management

Dennis Wiggins, Office of Drug Control Policy

Terry Graham, Office of Drug Control Policy

MaryBeth SchroederFracek, Department of Education

Sue Swartz, Department of Education

Sherry McCloskey, Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Lynda Wessel, Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Kristin Honz, Economic Development

Harriet Leitch, Economic Development

Carrie Johnson, Iowa League of Cities

**Interested Parties:**

The following agencies will pilot the project in FY 2008:

Office of Drug Control Policy

Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Iowa Commission of Volunteer Service, Economic Development

**Recipients of this Service:**

All state agencies and their grant seeking customers will eventually benefit from the eGMS.

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